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1. AT NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER OFFICE'S PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 5 AT UN HEADQUARTERS, NORTH KOREANS HANDED OUT COPIES OF PYONGYANG'S MARCH 4 LETTER TO "THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD". THIS LETTER AMONG OTHER THINGS, CALLED ON ADDRESSEES TO "RESOLUTELY CONDEMN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ADVENTUROUS WAR PROVOCATION MANEUVERS....."

2. AFTER DISTRIBUTION OF LETTER, MINISTER HYONG IK KIM REPLIED TO QUESTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

QUESTION: "THE LETTER SAYS THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME IN KOREA. WHY DON'T YOU BRING THIS QUESTION BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL?"

ANSWER: "PAST EXPERIENCES SHOW THAT THIS KIND OF QUESTION CANNOT EFFECTIVELY BE DEALT WITH BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

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QUESTION: "TO HOW MANY COUNTRIES WAS THE LETTER YOU MEN-

TIONED SENT?"

ANSWER: "TO ALL PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."
(KIM EVADED ANSWERING HOW MANY BUT IT WAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD
THAT THE U.S. WAS EXCLUDED.)

3. TEXT OF "THE LETTER TO ALL THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERN-
MENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD" FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSES
THIS LETTER TO THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL
COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENSE SITUATION
CREATED RECENTLY IN OUR COUNTRY.

OWING TO THE RECKLESS WAR MACHINATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES THE DANGER OF A NEW WAR IS
FURTHER INCREASING IN KOREA NOW.

THIS CAUSES DEEP CONCERN TO THE PEOPLES OF ALL THE PEACE-
LOVING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

HAVING BEEN DEFEATED IN INDO-CHINA, THE UNITED STATES IS
TRYING TO KEEP HOLD ON SOUTH KOREA AND, WITH HER AS ITS BASE,
ATTAIN ITS AIM OF AGGRESSION ON THE WHOLE OF KOREA AND ASIA,
ATTACHING AN INCREASINGLY GREATER MILITARY STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE TO SOUTH KOREA.

WHILE REINFORCING ITS ARMED FORCES OF AGGRESSION IN SOUTH
KOREA, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY BROUGHT IN LARGE QUAN-
TITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DEPLOYED THEM ALONG THE MILITARY
DEMARCATON LINE.

AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO HAND OVER
TO SOUTH KOREA LARGE QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR MISSILES, UP-
TO-DATE WEAPONS INCLUDING NEW TYPES OF FIGHTERS, HIGHLY-
EFFICIENT NAVAL VESSELS AND NEW TYPES OF TANKS, AS WELL AS
ROCKET INSTALLATIONS USED FOR STRATEGIC WEAPONS.

ON FEBRUARY 24 LAST THE UNITED STATES BROUGHT "F-111" FIGHTER-
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BOMBERS UNDER THE U.S. TACTICAL AIR FORCE COMMAND INTO SOUTH
KOREA.

WE CANNOT BUT WATCH WITH SHARP EYES THIS ILL-BODING MOVE
OF NEWLY INTRODUCING THE FIGHTER-BOMBERS FROM THE U.S.
MAINLAND TO SOUTH KOREA.

OF LATE THE UNITED STATES IS STAGING ALMOST EVERYDAY SUCH

PROVOCATIVE WAR RACKETS AS "LANDING OPERATION EXERCISE,"
"SOUTH KOREA-U.S. JOINT MOBILE EXERCISE," ETC. IN SIMULATED
ARMED ATTACKS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

SYNCHRONIZING WITH THIS, THE UNITED STATES IS PERPETRATING
CEASELESS MILITARY PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF
OF THE REPUBLIC.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 21 LAST YEAR TO JANUARY 30
THIS YEAR ALONE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH KOREAN SIDE
COMMITTED ALL SORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT
AGAINST OUR SIDE ALONG THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE ON
AS MANY AS OVER 2,840 OCCASIONS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY MAPPED OUT EVEN A SO-CALLED
"9-DAY OPERATION PLAN" AND A "7-DAY OPERATION PLAN" AND
IS THREATENING US, SAYING THAT IT WOULD PUSH THE U.S. TROOPS
"INTO THE NORTH ACROSS THE CEASE-FIRE LINE," THAT IT WOULD
CONQUER THE WHOLE OF KOREA THROUGH A "5-DAY WAR," ETC.

UNDER THIS PLAN OF AGGRESSION THE U.S. COMMAND IN SOUTH KOREA
HAS MOVED THE "MAIN DEFENCE LINE" OF THE U.S. ARMY NEAR
THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND DEPLOYED ITS REINFORCEMENTS
THERE, WHILE PLACING THEM UNDER "ROUND-THE-CLOCK
COMBAT-READINESS."

ALL THE FACTS PROVE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS THE VERY CRIMINAL
WHO IS DISTURBING PEACE, AGGRAVATING THE TENSION AND CREATING
THE DANGER OF WAR IN KOREA.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO COVER UP ITS MACHINATIONS TO PROVOKE
ANOTHER WAR AND DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD ELSE-
WHERE, THE UNITED STATES KEEPS CLAMOURING ABOUT THE SO-
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CALLED "THREAT OF AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH."

BUT THE REALITY SHOWS THAT THE REAL DANGER IN KOREA IS NOT
THE "THREAT OF AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH" BUT THE THREAT
OF AGGRESSION FROM THE SOUTH.

PEACE IN KOREA IS NOW BEING PRESERVED ONLY BY THE PATIENT
SELF-RESTRAINT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

UNLESS THE ADVENTUROUS WAR PROVOCATIONS COMMITTED BY THE U.S.
IN SOUTH KOREA ARE HELD IN CHECK, A WAR WOULD BREAK OUT AGAIN
IN KOREA, PEACE IN ASIA AND THE WORLD BE DESTROYED AND MAN-
KIND BE PLUNGED INTO A HOLOCAUST OF WAR.

AT PRESENT, THE PREVENTION OF THE DANGER OF WAR AND THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN KOREA ARE A MATTER OF URGENCY RELATED TO WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY OF MANKIND.

IN ORDER TO SECURE PEACE IN KOREA AND ACCELERATE THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, THE U.S. TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH KOREA, ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE.

THE 30TH SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR, REFLECTING THE UNANIMOUS WILL AND ASPIRATION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE WORLD PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS OCCUPYING SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE U.N. FLAG AND ON THE REPLACEMENT OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A PEACE AGREEMENT.

HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF IMPLEMENTING THIS JUST RESOLUTION, THE UNITED STATES IS ANSWERING IT, BY INTRODUCING MORE OF ITS ARMED FORCES INTO SOUTH KOREA AND STEPPING UP ITS MANOEUVRINGS TO PROVOKE A NEW WAR.

AS A RESULT, A GRAVE SITUATION IN WHICH A WAR MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT IS BEING CREATED IN KOREA NOW.

AT THIS GRAVE MOMENT THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA HOPES THAT THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WILL RESOLUTELY CONDEMN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ADVENTUROUS WAR PROVOCATION MANOEUVRES WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING A LASTING PEACE IN KOREA AND EXTEND ACTIVE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY TO THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

WE APPEAL TO THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES TO EXERT ACTIVE EFFORTS SO AS TO COMPEL THE UNITED STATES TO DISSOLVE "U.N. COMMAND" AND WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.N. RESOLUTION.

IF THE U.S. ARMY WITHDRAWS FROM SOUTH KOREA, PEACE IN KOREA WILL BE FIRMLY GUARANTEED AND A BRIGHT PROSPECT OPENED BEFORE THE ROAD TO THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS CONVINCED THAT THE PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WILL DIRECT DEEP ATTENTION TO THIS LETTER AND TAKE

PROPER MEASURES TO CHECK THE MACHINATION OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES FOR PROVOKING A NEW WAR
AND TO SECURE A DURABLE PEACE IN KOREA AND ASIA. UNQUOTE
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